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SUBJECT: POST-QUITO ROUND ROBIN LETTER

1. WE BELIEVE IT BEST THAT LETTER BE DELIVERED TO
DR. WILLIAMS UPON HIS RETURN AND HAVE ADJUSTED YOUR
PROPOSED FIRST PARAGRAPH ACCORDINGLY. FULL TEXT OF LETTER
FOLLOWS BELOW:

A. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: BECAUSE OF
OTHER COMMITMENTS, NEITHER OF US WAS ABLE TO BE WITH OUR
COLLEAGUES AT THE RECENT FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN
QUITO. I WAS, HOWEVER, IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE U.S.
DELEGATION AND RECEIVED A DETAILED REPORT UPON THEIR
RETURN. I AM SURE YOU ALSO RECEIVED A FULL ACCOUNT OF
THE PROCEEDINGS FROM AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE.

B. WITH OUR MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES ONLY FOUR MONTHS
AWAY, THIS MIGHT BE A PROPITIOUS TIME TO TAKE A BROAD
VIEW OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE
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INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS OF THE QUITO CONFERENCE DEMONSTRATE

TO US ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF FULLER CONSULTATIONS IN
ADVANCE OF DIFFICULT DECISIONS. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT
THE UNITED STATES REMAINS OPEN-MINDED ON THE SUBJECT
DEBATED AT THE QUITO MEETING AND IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE
OUR EXCHANGES -- ON THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS -- WITH GOOD
WILL AND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW DIALOGUE SO HOPEFULLY
AND WELL BEGUN AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE OAS. I WOULD
BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN YOUR VIEWS ON WHERE WE SHOULD
GO FROM HERE, NOT ONLY ON THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE QUITO
MEETING, BUT ON THE WORK IN PROGRESS IN THE OAS SPECIAL
COMMITTEE AND IN THE WORKING GROUPS CREATED AFTER THE
APRIL MFM IN WASHINGTON.

C. IN MY VIEW, WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE HOW THESE MATTERS
LEND THEMSELVES TO CONCRETE SOLUTION IN THE
SHORT RUN. IF WE DO SO, WHILE WE CONTINUE TO DISCUSS
THE MORE DIFFICULT AND LONGER RANGE QUESTIONS, IT
COULD PROVIDE A MOMENTUM OF PROGRESS WHICH WOULD SUSTAIN
THE NEW DIALOGUE WITH A SENSE OF REAL AND SPECIFIC
ACCOMPLISHMENT.

D. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AND TO
BEING WITH YOU AT THE MARCH MEETING OF OUR COLLEAGUES.
WARMEST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES, HENRY A. KISSINGER.
END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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